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WLL TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of WLL telephones sanctioned in the rural areas of Gujarat so far, district-wise, particularly in Rajkot district;

(b) the target fixed during the current financial year for providing the WLL telephones;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to set up a WLL based telephone exchange in the rural areas in view of a large number of WLL telephone subscribers particularly in Rajkot district; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The total number of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) telephones sanctioned for Gujarat are 51,891 including 6,579 WLL connections sanctioned for Rajkot district.

(b) The target during the current financial year for providing WLL connections in Gujarat is 50,250.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) For Gujarat Telecom Circle 75 Base Transceiver Station (BTSs) with 50,250 lines in the year 2005-06, 75 BTS with 53,500 lines in 2006-07 and 116 BTS with 84,000 lines in 2007-08 have been planned. For Rajkot district, 8 BTS with 6000 lines in the year 2005-06, 6 BTS with 4,500 lines in 2006-07 and 9 BTS with 6,750 lines in 2007-08 have been planned.